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FACT SHEET

TITLE V PERMIT APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE TO AGRICULTURAL SOURCES IN CALIFORNIA THAT ARE MAJOR DUE TO DIESEL ENGINE EMISSIONS

March 14, 2003

The United States Environmental Protection Agency has issued guidance for the California agriculture industry that includes the country's first Title V permitting application specific to farms that operate diesel-powered engines for farming operations.

The Title V permit is necessary to account for major agricultural emissions sources from large stationary diesel engines. The application is due to the agency by May 14, 2003.

To assist farmers with the application process, the EPA will be working with farm organizations to provide them training to assist their members. In addition, the EPA is setting up three workshops in Fresno, Modesto and Bakersfield over the next two months. The EPA, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service will provide information and filing guidance. Each workshop will be broadcast using the District's Video TeleConferencing system to the other two San Joaquin Valley Office locations.

Fresno Workshop

Date: March 28, 2003

Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: 1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue, Fresno, CA 93726-0244

Modesto Workshop

Date: April 14, 2003

Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: 4230 Kiernan Avenue, Suite 130, Modesto, CA 95356-9322

Bakersfield Workshop

Date: May 8, 2003

Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: 2700 M Street, Suite 275, Bakersfield, CA 93301-2373

Presently, California state law exempts agriculture from air pollution permitting programs. Since this exemption is contrary to the federal Clean Air Act, in November 2002 the agency withdrew the permitting portion of the state's program for agricultural sources and began developing a permitting program specifically for major stationary agricultural sources.

The EPA has worked for several months with the state, local air districts, agricultural industry and environmental groups to develop a form that simplifies the application process for the farmer, while also including all the necessary information ensuring that the application will be complete.

For more information, or to download the application and filing guidance, go to:

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/air/ca/title5.html> . This site will be updated regularly as new information becomes available.

EPA has also established a toll-free phone number where farmers can leave questions regarding the Title V application: **(800) 810-9798**. Phone messages to this number will be returned within 24-hours. Questions can also be e-mailed to: **farmpermits@epa.gov**.

Instructions will be forthcoming for filing applications with U.S. EPA for agricultural operations that are major sources for reasons other than diesel engines. These applications must be postmarked to EPA Region 9 by August 1, 2003.

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